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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98. The Forms PTO-1449 (8 pages) and cited references are provided herewith in connection with the above-captioned application.

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Applicant also makes known to the Examiner the following U.S. applications which are commonly owned and/or have one or more inventors in common.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing reference and information and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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